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OHIO SLAVIC CALENDAR

May 18-20, 1979	-Symposium on Transylvania, Kent State University
May 19, 1979	-WOSU Radio Series (11:30 a.m.) 8.20 AM Professor Philip Stewart, "SALT II"
May 26, 1979	-WOSU Radio Series (11:30 a.m.) 8.20 AM Professor Philip Stewart, "SALT II"

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION CONFERENCE ATTRACTS 200 PARTICIPANTS

(703) Over 200 instructors and administrators of foreign language programs in the nation's universities and high schools attended a three-day conference on Individualized Instruction as developed at the Ohio State University, May 10-12. Over 40 persons at this conference were engaged in the teaching of Russian, and attended sessions on the theory of individualized instruction as well as in practical demonstration sessions. An additional session was held to discuss the use of the Pushkin Institute text: Russian for Everybody. Professor Robert Baker of Middlebury College (Vermont), whose grammar text parallels the Pushkin Institute materials, conducted a question-answer session on the subject. Other participants viewed the computer-assisted instruction program as well.

THIRD LAGER'GORIZONT HELD IN HOCKING HILLS

(704) Over 42 participants contributed to a successful undergraduate Russian language Lager' Gorizont held over the weekend of May 4 at OSU's Barneby Center. Schools represented were Miami of Ohio, Toledo, Wittenberg and Ohio State. The program included guest speakers: Professor Horgor Oulanoff (Slavic Languages & Literatures), Professor Charlotte Douglas (Art History) and Professor Jerry Pankhurst (Sociology) all from Ohio State, as well as films, native food and entertainment. It is hoped that next year's camp will be held one month earlier, in order to involve those universities whose instructional schedules end in early May. As before, the camp was administered by OSU's Russian Club.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

(705) Army Outlines Social and Behavioral Sciences Research. The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences has issued a booklet outlining its research themes for FY 79. Topics include: 1) Current plans and future directions--exploratory development and themes; 2) Personnel and manpower; 3) Education and training; 4) Training devices and simulation; and 5) Human factors training and operational systems. Unsolicited proposals for research on these topics may be submitted at any time.

WEEK OF RUSSIAN CULTURE IN CHICAGO

(706) The University of Chicago is sponsoring a week of Russian culture to be held at the David & Alfred Smart Gallery from May 19-25. Features include:

Saturday, May 19-Sunday, July 1. "The Art of Russia, 1800-1850," at the David and Alfred Smart Gallery, 5550 S. Greenwood. Admission free. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10-4, Sunday 12-4.

Sunday, May 20. FILM: Andrej Rublëv. Quantrell Auditorium, Cobb Hall, 5811-27 S. Ellis. Admission: \$1.50. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

Monday, May 21. LECTURE: "Nineteenth Century Russian Art," John Bowlit, University of Texas at Austin. A reception will follow the lecture. Cochrane-Woods Art Center, Room 157. 5540 S. Greenwood. Admission free. The Gallery will be open for viewing the exhibition. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22. Contemporary Soviet FILMS: Žil pevčij droid' and Prošu slovo. Cochrane-Woods Art Center, Room 157. 5540 S. Greenwood. Admission free. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23. RECITAL: Russian Vocal Music of the Nineteenth Century (Androne Gaiziunas, mezzo soprano; Gershon Silins, baritone; Richard Boldrey, piano). Augustana Lutheran Church 5550 S. Woodlawn. Admission Free. The Gallery will be open for viewing the exhibition following the recital. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 24. Contemporary Soviet FILMS: Kalina krasnaja and Strannie ljudi (both by Vasilij Šukšin). Cochrane-Woods Art Center, Room 157. 5540 S. Greenwood. Admission free. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25. CONFERENCE sponsored by the Slavič Forum and the Meyer Kestnbaum Cultural Activities Fund. Cochrane-Woods Art Center, Room 156. 5540 S. Greenwood. Admission Free.

Scheduled sessions: "The Apocalypse in Russian Literature," 9:30-11:00 a.m.; "Russian Literary Theory I," 11:00-12:30 p.m.; "Russian Art and Music," 2:00-3:30 p.m.; "Russian Literary Theory II," 3:00-4:00 p.m.; "The Silver Age of Russian Literature," 4:00-5:00 p.m. Detailed session schedules available by writing or calling the Department of Slavic Languages, University of Chicago, Foster 404, 1130 E. 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637, telephone: 312-753-4329.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

(707) *New Essays on Tolstoy*. Edited by Malcolm Jones, Senior Lecturer in Russian, University of Nottingham. 1978 220 pp. \$23.50 (from Cambridge University Press, 32 East 57 St., New York, New York 10022)

Eleven essays especially written to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Tolstoy's birth in 1828. The contributors consider a wide range of material including the problems of translating Tolstoy into English, new ways of approaching War and Peace and Anna Karenina, a study of an underrated later work, Hadji Muralt, reassessments of Tolstoy as a thinker, and the attempts to establish a "Tolstoyan" colony at Purleigh. In addition, there is a bibliographical survey of British work on Tolstoy up to the present day. Contributors include: R.F. Christian, Henry Gifford, A.V. Knowles, W. Gareth Jones, E. Lampert, F.F. Seeley, M.J. Dek. Holman.

(708) *States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia and China*. Theda Skocpol, Associate Professor of Sociology, Harvard University. 1979 448 pp. \$29.95 cloth; \$7.95 paper (from Cambridge University Press, 32 East 57 St., New York, New York 10022)

Theda Skocpol shows how state structures, international forces and class relations are related to social-revolutionary transformations. From France in the 1790s to Vietnam in the 1970s, social revolutions have been rare but undeniably of enormous importance in modern world history. This book provides a new frame of reference for analyzing the causes, the struggles, and the outcomes of each revolutions. It develops in depth a rigorous, comparative historical analysis of three major cases: the French Revolution of 1787 through 1800, the Russian Revolution of 1917 through the 1930s, and the Chinese Revolution of 1911 through the 1960s.

(709) *Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the Polish Government in Exile (1935-1945)*. George V. Kacwicz, Department of Political Science, California State University. 1978 254 pp. \$44.60 (from Martinus-Nijhoff, 160 Old Derby Street, Hingham, Massachusetts 02043).

With the combined onslaught of the German and Russian armies in September 1939, the Polish government transferred its operation to England, via Rumania and France, where it functioned as the *de jure* government of Poland until the recognition by the Western powers of the Soviet-sponsored Warsaw regime in the summer of 1945.

This book combines an account of the political, constitutional and legal questions that arose in the transfer to and operation of the government and its armed forces on foreign soil with a detailed analysis of the politics of the Grand Alliance which led to its decline.

(710) *Political Economy and Soviet Socialism* by Alec Nove. 264 pp. 1979 \$27.50 (from Allen & Unwin, 9 Winchester Terrace, Winchester, Mass. 01890).

Alec Nove presents an integrated selection of papers written over the last twelve years on Russian history, the ideas of some of the leaders of the revolution (Lenin, Trotsky, Bukharin), the political economy of socialism and the problems of the contemporary USSR. The themes cover a very wide field: the role of traditional Russian ideas in shaping the social structure of the Soviet Union, the conceptual problems involved in defining its ruling stratum ('Is it a class?'), the criteria by which it is reasonable to judge Soviet reality, the performance and prospects of agriculture

in communist-ruled Europe, the ability of the Eastern bloc to cope with the problems of inflation, and the obstacles to an overdue economic reform.

(711) *Christian Religion in the Soviet Union: A Sociological Study* by Christel Lane. 256 pp. \$14.95 (from Allen & Unwin, 9 Winchester Terrace, Winchester, Mass. 01890).

In this first sociological study of religion in a Communist society, Dr. Lane assesses the impact of the intellectual and material culture of Soviet society on Christian religion. She analyses the religious life in the contemporary Christian churches and sects, describing the scope of their membership and its social composition, the religious commitment of believers and their social and political orientations.

(712) *Privilege in the Soviet Union: A Study of Elite Life-Styles under Communism* by Mervyn Matthews. 192 pp. 1978 \$18.95 cloth; \$8.95 paper (from Allen & Unwin, 9 Winchester Terrace, Winchester, Mass. 01890).

A brief book, but heavy in detail, this work presents a portrait of the Soviet elite drawn in terms of its prerequisites and privileges: matters on which Soviet sources remain largely silent, for all the fact that even Soviet ideology makes no claim that the contemporary U.S.S.R. is "classless" or close to it. Based on a painstaking search of Soviet documents and regulations from the early years of the regime up to the present, emigre informants, and other sources, Matthew's book details the network of special stores, salary supplements, privileged access to scarce goods and opportunities that a bureaucratically regulated nonmarket system has created--a network that divides a small elite from the vast mass of the population in matters as diverse as diet, housing, access to foreign travel, and pension plans. A work primarily for specialists, perhaps, but one that is as readily accessible to generalists who wish to learn more about privilege in the U.S.S.R. and the east European states.

(713) Alexandra L. Tolstoy, *Doch'*. Edited, prefixed and indexed by Professor Serge Kryzyski. ZARIA Publishing Inc. (London, Canada, 1979), pp. 512.

Leo Tolstoy's daughter narrates vividly about her life as a Red Cross Sister in the First World War, as a curator ("commissar") of Yasnaia Poliana till 1930, and about her experience in exile first in Japan and later in the United States. The book of Alexandra Tolstoy's memoirs has a great number of references to her great father and is a valuable addition to bibliographical and critical works on him.

Price: \$15.00. Hard cover. Packing and mailing cost included. Order from: ZARIA Publishing Inc., 73 Biscay Road, London, Ontario, Canada N6H 3K8.

USSR LANGUAGE COURSES ANNOUNCED IN GREAT BRITAIN

(714) Progressive Tours, Ltd. has announced 6 summer language tours of the USSR as well as one for the autumn of 1979. Prices range from \$400 to \$600 and include an Intourist Itinerary as well as instruction at the Pushkin Institute. For further information write to:

Progressive Tours, Ltd.
12 Porchester Place
Marble Arch, London W2 2BS